

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 27 June 2022

Place: Online Zoom meeting

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Kerry Shrives, Ben Baron, Pablo Carbonell, Megan Glew, Peter Von Loesecke, Brian McClain

Prospective Members Present: Rainer Park (Associate Member), Joe Pettirossi (Member)

Members Absent: Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Others Present: Diane Rayla, Michael Kilian, Rick Dickson

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for May 23, 2022, approved with a minor correction.

Treasurer's Report

Deferred to the next meeting.

Conservation Commission Meeting Update/Selective Pumping

As per the meeting with the Conservation Committee, we have begun a process of very slow, low-level pumping to pull anoxic water from the lower level out of the pond instead of oxygenated water from the upper level to try and manage internal loading to help reduce the

occurrence of algal blooms. Attempting to keep water level at 23 inches from the top of the dam. If the water level drops below the normal summer height, pumping will be discontinued. The Board of Health began weekly readings with the fluorometer to monitor cyanobacteria levels.

Discussion of Activities and Assignments Next Meeting (continued)

The spreadsheet of duties and responsibilities and poll will be shared to review the activities list.

Other Business

Discuss letter regarding proposed use for Bare Hill Pond Woods. The woods serve as a buffer, and the watershed stormwater treatment capacity is dependent on the woods being undeveloped.

Rick Dickson joined to provide an annual update on water chestnut eradication efforts. Ten years into the efforts, he continues to spend approximately 30 hours a year to control. At Clapps Brook (where the harvester was necessary) the retaining fence is doing a good job of preventing stray weeds from spreading into the Pond, and Great South Bay had a cluster.. The germination period for water chestnuts is 7-12 years, so vigilance is important. Late July is the earliest that they bloom.

8:28 pm meeting ended

Next Meeting: July 25, 2022